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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98, within the time period specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d).

A Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed therein are attached.

These references were cited in a Search Report by the European Patent Office on the counterpart European application, and a copy of the European Search Report is enclosed. All of the references, it is noted, are written in the English language.

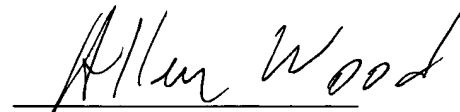
The European Search Report was mailed on April 1, 2004. Accordingly, the undersigned attorney states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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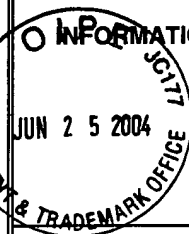
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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